1994 in different States and the details of the PF arrears due against each of these persons/company they owned and amount recovered, if any; and

(b) at what stage are the cases filed against each of these persons?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Increase in ceiling under bonus act

7422. SHRI GAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal regarding increase in the ceiling under Bonus Act;

(b) whether Government have considered the long awaited demand of the public sector labourers regarding dearness allowances etc.;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR):(a) to (d) A proposal enhancing the eligibility an computation ceilings under the Payment of Bonus Act, 1965 is under consideration of the Government.

The Government had already announced its decision to increase the Industrial Dearness Allowance rate from Rs. 1.65 to Rs. 2.00 per point rise in the All India Consumer Price Index beyond 800 points, with effect from 1-1-1989. A proposal for introducing slab system of Dearness Allowance to employees of the Central Public Sector Enterprises is under consideration.

Conditions of Power loom workers in the country

7423. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the pitiful conditions of Power-loom workers throughout the country; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take to mitigate their grievances?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE) (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Productivity of Indian Labourers

7424 SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that productivity of Indian labourers is low as compared to labourers in other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have drawn any concrete plan to raise the productivity of Indian labourers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR):(a)